Closure of Homoeopathy Institute

1443. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Governments' attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in "The Hindustan Times" dated November 19, 1992 to the effect that the Homoeopathy Institute faces closure;

(b) if so, whehter it is a fact that the Supreme Court had ruled that the Director shall not exercise any financial powers on the working of the Institute or any of its units and these powers shall be exercised by the administrative officer of the Institute independently as has been reported in the news-item;

(c) if so, whether it is a fact that the said Director continued to use his powers as against the ruling;

(d) whether Government are considering his extension inspite of his acts of ommissions and commissions; and

(e) if so, the details and reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. However, it is presumed that Hon'ble Member is refering to a Calcutta High Court's order dated 17-3-92 restraining present Director in exercising certain financial and legal powers on working of the National Institute of Homoeopathy.

(c) No such instances in exercising the financial and legal powers by the present Director against the Calcutta High Courts order has come to notice of the Government Instance quoted in news item do not amount to exercise of any financial powers.

(d) and (e) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Ambulance in Various Government Hospitals in Delhi

1444. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ambulances in various Government Hospitals in Delhi (hospital-wise) at the end of 1991 and till date;

(b) the number of ambulances added since the beginning of 1992 (till date) :

(c) the ratio at which the existing fleet of ambulances serve the Delhi population;

(d) the average number of ambulances including free ambulances which actually work and those which remain out of order at a time (hospital-wise), and those which are awaiting repairs stating the period for which they have been lying idle for want of repairs; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government to augment the existing fleet of ambulances by considering the growing demand of ambulances with the rise in population ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDARTHA): (a) to (d) Information is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXV, Annexure No. 27). It is not possible to provide this information as private hospitals and Nursing Homes are also running ambulances which serve to Delhi population.

(e) To meet the increasing demand, the number of ambulances are being augmented by Delhi Administration in a phased manner.

T. B. Clinics in the Country

1445. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2898 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th August, 1992 and state :

(a) the names of the places where each of the 300 T. B. clinics is working;

(b) what are the names of the different Hospitals where 47,000 beds are available for emergent and seriously ill T. B. patient; and

(c) in what manner these facilities can be availed of ?